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High school cooking students took to Pelham fields to find the ingredients needed to make sauces for local soup kitchens, including at the Hope Centre.

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■ HPV: Vaccinations for Grade 8 girls

A shot against cancer

ALLAN BENNER
PelhamNEWS Staff

It hurt.

The look of pain on Danni Makkeel's face made that perfectly clear.

But the Grade 8 student at St. Ann school knew the pin prick of the needle she had to endure Monday, would be nothing compared to the suffering she could experience later in life.

She was one of about 100 students at two Pelham schools who public health nurses inoculated against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) — a virus responsible for 70% of cervical cancers women can develop.

Although the idea of getting that needle wasn't very appealing.

"It's going to be worth it," Makkeel said.

School nurse Brenda Desjardins met with the students at the Canboro Rd. elementary school last week.

"I talked to them about what the vaccination is, why they should get it, and any adverse reactions," she said.

Those reactions are minimal.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

St. Ann School, Grade 8 student Samantha Chmerika gets an inoculation against papillomavirus (HPV) from public health nurse Tonni Gaudet, while her friend Danni Makkeel gives her some moral support. Monday, Niagara's public health department started a program to inoculate students against the virus responsible for causing about 70% of cervical cancers.

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■ HPV

No cost at school

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There's a one-in-a-million chance of having an allergic reaction to the vaccine, but for the most part the only side-effect the needle causes is anxiety amongst the students who need it. Ultimately, she said the vaccine could mean the difference between life and death for many of the girls.

Cervical cancer is the second most prevalent cancer for women in Canada. Each year, more than 1,400 women are diagnosed with it and it claims the lives of about 400 women — more than one per day.

The HPV vaccine was one of several innovations nurses were at the school to provide. They also provided younger students with vaccines against such things as meningitis and Hepatitis A.

Desjardins said the health department is accelerating its inoculation clinics in expectation of additional inoculation clinics to protect residents from the H1N1 virus.

"We will be out five days a week doing this for the month of September," said public health nurse Kate Nemy.

When that's done, they will be busy running seasonal influenza clinics — followed by the clinics for the new pandemic virus.

Nemy said research is still being conducted to determine if the same HPV vaccinations would benefit men, because there could be links to other forms of cancer in men.

The research has not been completed in Canada, but it will be. And in some countries they're already giving it to men."

She said those inoculations are worth \$150 to \$200 each, although there is no charge for the inoculations given at the schools.

"The problem is if a parent doesn't talk to us (public health) and doesn't talk to their doctor, and just says no — but then next year changes their mind — we of course give it, but even at the health unit we have to give them a bill."

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■ HOG WILD: Biketoberfest returns

Fun on two wheels

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo

Today's Ride of the Flags will unfold along a different route.

For the third year, the Fenwick Lions Club's Biketoberfest will open with a parade of motorcycles, some carrying flags through Pelham.

Again it will begin at Clare's Cycle and Sports at 6 p.m. but it will end at Centennial Park, rather than Niagara Central Airport as it did the past two years.

The ride will roll along Hwy 20 into Pont-Hall, down Pelham St. to Welland Rd. and then to Haist St. where it will turn north to Canboro Rd.

The motorcyclists will then ride to Fenwick and Centennial Park arriving before 7 p.m.

This year an exhibition by Motoheadz at the park will stress motorcycle and ATV safety. The past two years the opening night featured the OPP Golden Helmets.

Motoheadz is operated by Jim Jervis at Niagara College who teaches motorcycle safety but he has a stunt or two in his exhibi-

tion, said Biketoberfest chair Bruce Bissell.

"We will have a barbecue in the park with hamburgers and hot dogs," he said.

The ride attracts motorcyclists from across the region. Last year more than 800 parked at the airport.

The 7th annual Biketoberfest itself begins at 9 a.m. tomorrow with breakfast in Centennial Park. It features a Show and Shine that can draw 50 to 100 bikes.

More than 30 vendors selling motorcycle trailers, clothing and accessories, "anything you like" have signed up so far, said Bissell.

The band More Bad News and the Horns from Hell will entertain in the afternoon.

Donations to Pelham Cares are accepted and encouraged. The day will include a half-and-half draw and the sale of Biketoberfest

T-shirts and hats.

The highlight of the day is a draw for a \$27,000 Limited Edition Harley-Davidson Soft-tail motorcycle. The motorcycle is No. 8 of 25 specially made for the Canadian market. Proceeds from the \$20 a ticket sales go to Fenwick Lions Club local and national charities. Those include Lions Camp Dorset, Lions Fund of Canada, Welland Hospital Foundation and various Fenwick Lions community projects.

Biketoberfest has raised more than \$180,000 for charity over the past six years.

Second prize in the draw is \$1,000 and third \$500.

Tickets are available at Biketoberfest.

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■ **FONTHILL BANDSHELL:** Musical summer winds down



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Left: The Memphis Cats, a rockabilly band, played the final Thursday show, bringing to an end a series of 13 evening performances through the summer. Top middle: Jim Antinoun balances sound. Top right: Tom Crick works the sound equipment. Bottom right: Jim Casson introduces the Memphis Cats. Bottom middle: Bandshell committee members prepare to collect donations. From left are Ray Barlow, Gall Levay, Peter Dochstader, Carolyn Mullin and Gayle Baltjes-Chataway.

Thursday Night Concerts end on a high note

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Volunteers with the Fonthill bandshell committee will put their feet up on Thursdays nights.

The three-month series of Thursday Night Concerts in the bandshell came to an end last week with the rockabilly sounds of the Memphis Cats.

The summer series went well despite rain for the first couple of concerts.

On June 25 rain forced the shutdown of a concert by the Toasted Western Swing Band, which included accordion star Walter Ostank.

It was re-staged on Monday, July 27.

"Despite a wet June and some less than desirable weather forecasts, we have had great crowds, terrific shows and wonderful audience support," said committee chair Gayle Baltjes-Chataway.

The concert series relies on donations of loonies, toonies and bills collected by red-shirted volunteers carrying banners during each concert.

The rain slowed down donations at early events but the committee was able to recover during shows later in the series.

"Bless everyone in this community who attends," said Baltjes-Chataway.

"They listened to our concerns and never wavered in their support."

The real pleasure is watching the crowds.

"It's so nice for our volunteers to look out over the audience and see so many people enjoying themselves. It makes it worthwhile," she said.

Local businesses and groups also provide sponsorships for the concerts. Baltjes-Chataway said there was a concern the financial crisis would affect it.

However, enough business came through and half the sponsorships for next season have been sold.

This year's sponsors were Pelham Farmers' Market, Rotary Club of Fonthill, Fenwick Lions Club, Pelham Business Association, Urban Steakhouse and

Lounge, Shoppers Drug Mart, Subway, Meridian Credit Union, Indulgence, Wine Garden of Pelham, Pelham Communities in Bloom, Rankin Construction and ReMax-The Hendriks Team.

The bandshell committee is already looking ahead to next season.

It has made suggestions to the town for more benches and lighting if council can fit them into its budget, she said.

Baltjes-Chataway said the committee has a long list of applicants to play at the Fonthill bandshell.

"Yes, the hardest part is narrowing it down to which dozen or so acts we are going to hire each summer. There is so much talent to choose from."

This summer's lineup for the two-hour evening concerts included: The Meteors, The Toasted Western Swing Band, More Bad News and the Horns from Hell, The Toronto All-Star Big Band, Songs My Sister Played, Coole Park, The Chris Anton Band, Loco Zydco, Mark Lalama, Penny Skolski, The Johnny Max Band, The Gelitones and The Memphis Cats.

Members of the Fonthill Bandshell Committee are: Baltjes-Chataway, Jim Casson, Ray Barlow, Tom Crick, Carolyn Mullin, David Swan, Peter Dochstader, Jim Antinoun, Eleanor Arbour, and Gall Levay.

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Wayne Campbell
EDITOR

Tax credit call

Once in a while you see a petition that surprises you. In this case, the surprise is the necessity for a petition at all.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks is asking the Ontario government to set up a farm-to-food-bank donation tax credit.

It would help people facing hunger while giving farmers an option to plowing under fruits and vegetables they can't sell.

The association says an estimated surplus of over 25 million pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables are tilled back into the soil or sent to the dump.

Meanwhile, 350,000 people — and the number is growing — are turning to food banks such as Pelham Cares each month in the province.

Fresh produce, of course, is healthier than packaged food, an excessive of which can contribute to various unhealthy conditions.

At the same time, our farmers can use every break they can get. Canners and other markets fade because of consolidation and recession.

Frankly, we're surprised farmers don't already qualify for a tax credit when they donate to food banks. Many Pelham farmers are quite generous in this area.

You're probably familiar with some donations to Pelham Cares and other food banks.

They're collected at check out counters in grocery stores, department stores, banks and other businesses.

Those companies do collect tax credits for donations made in partnership with their customers.

So why shouldn't farmers get a tax break for the value of direct donations of fruit, vegetables and other food?

You can learn more about the petition at the food bank association's website — www.oafh.ca.

comment Council, committee and you

Over the past couple of months, a number of people have asked me about how council and committees work. When do we meet? When can members of the public speak at council? And, how do you get your suggestions or improvements discussed?

COUNCIL:

As a general rule, your town council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month in the council chambers in town hall. (During July and August we tend to only meet once.) If one of our regular meetings falls on a holiday (Monday such as Labour Day), we meet on the Tuesday.

Council is formal; it's where we undertake the official business of the corporation of the town of Pelham. We advance the town's business through motions and our actions are governed by a procedural bylaw.

At council, we make motions and enact bylaws — for taxation, for spending, for administration and enforcement — and set policy and authorize and accept tenders. We receive and act on official correspondence. And, we ratify decisions of the town's general



Dave Augustyn
MAYOR/ALV

committees.

Immediately following these town council meetings, we hold a "general committee" meeting. Slightly less formal, general committee is intended to be more detail oriented. All councillors are members of general committee and act as either chair or vice-chair of one of the three divisions.

Planning and development services deals with matters involving development proposals, subdivision plans, zoning bylaws, official plans, building permits and the building code, and bylaw enforcement. Ward 2 COUN. Dave Emmott is chair; Ward 3 COUN. John Durley is vice-chair.

Community and infrastructure services deals with roads, sidewalks, streetslights, sewers, water, cemeteries, drainage, parks, recreational services, facilities and special community events. Ward 1 COUN. Debbie Urbanowicz is chair; Ward 2 COUN. Sharon Cook is

vice-chair.

Corporate services deals with all matters relating to budgets, taxation and fees, and all other financial matters, human resources, and fire and library services. Ward 3 COUN. Peter Papp is chair; Ward 1 COUN. Jim Lane is vice-chair.

What general committee approves at one meeting is scheduled for ratification by council at its next meeting (roughly two weeks later).

VOTING:

As you may know, both council and committee require a quorum — at least the majority (four members) of the seven members — to legally function and make decisions. Each member of council, including the mayor, gets one vote. If the majority of members on hand support the motion, it is approved or "carried." If not, the motion is "lost" or "defeated." In a tie vote, the motion is defeated.

Next week, I will write about how you and other members of the public can get involved in this democratic process.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayor-dave.blogspot.com.

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This summer, 115 New York City children found out once again just how special summer is in south Niagara.

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spread the word about the wonderful opportunity of hosting next summer.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided over 100,000 vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. For more information please call Carol Hardy at 905-892-5286 or visit www.freshair.org (where you can also check out photos from 2009).

Jenny Morgenstern
Executive director



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The weatherman

Arnie's golf swing came back last week. There's a reason for that. You might think that would be a lesson from a pro and lots of practice, but that's not it.

His golf swing came back because a state of calm had come back into his mind. And the state of his mind is directly related to the weatherman. Not the guy on TV who takes a guess at what's going to happen. The real weatherman, Arnie's personal weatherman.



Arnie Dwyer
HUMOUR

He stands four inches tall on the night table on Arnie's side of the bed. He receives his instructions from a tiny transmitter on the back deck. He is the coolest guy in the world. There's a display on the top of the bottom of the panel where he lives that tells you the temperature and humidity, both outside the house and in. A barometer arrow points up or down to tell you whether you should be optimistic or pessimistic.

This information is often useful when the wife tells you, "Man, is it ever hot in here tonight."

Arnie is then able to reassure her in that highly informed, calming way of that, "No, my dear, the heat is an illusion. It is a mere 70 F in this room. However, the humidity is an abnormally high 63%, and the barometric pressure is falling, thus creating the illusion of the concept 'hot.'"

He can then go on to convert the Fahrenheit temperature into the Celsius degrees that the young uns of Canada find so cool. She finds all of this tremendously enlightening, and shows her appreciation accordingly.

But that's not what makes Arnie's weatherman the best ever at his trade. What makes that happen is that the little guy has 15 different ways to actually show you what's going to happen. Fifteen! He wears three different outfits — a short-sleeved shirt and pants for mild weather; a long coat, hat, scarf and winter boots for when it's cold; and a bathing suit for when it's hot. Above his head you will find one of a bright sun, a sun peaking out between two clouds, or two clouds with rain coming out of them, or snow, depending on the temperature. The weatherman has a beach chair with him when the signal from his outside informant tells him that what will be appropriate, or his umbrella when that's what you're going to need.

He's not as cute as the Pillsbury Doughboy, but he's cute.

Baty provides update

The last regional council provided an update regarding flu season this year. It indicated that there would be no such required for seasonal flu and two separate shots for the H1N1 virus.

Late last week pharmaceutical researchers indicated that they were attempting to reduce the number of immunizations to one for most people.

A future column will inform citizens about community flu clinics with locations and dates to attend along with the final indication of the number of shots required.

Brian Baty

Pelham regional councillor

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■ DYKER

He only claims to be 80% accurate

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And, unlike the TV guys, or the forecast from the Internet, he doesn't try to do too much. He's not making up what he guesses could possibly happen five or 15 days down the road.

You just embarrass yourself that way.

Arnie's guy is a modest little fellow with modest expectations. He only claims to be about 80% accurate, but he does way better than that.

He just tells you straight-up: "This is what I think is going to happen this afternoon, or maybe later tonight — or tomorrow, early in the morning."

New housing market stagnant



Cathy
Berkhout-Bosse
REAL ESTATE
VIEW

Seventeen new building permits were issued in Pelham between January and August 2009 compared to 63 during the same time period in 2008. This represents a 73% decline, the largest drop recorded in Niagara.

Overall housing starts trended lower throughout the St. Catharines-Niagara Census Metropolitan Area according to August 2009 preliminary housing data report released on Sept. 9 by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. A total 55 monthly housing starts were reported in the entire census area compared to 109 during the same month last year. The January-August 2009 total of 502 units represents a 37% decline from the total of 795 housing starts recorded during the same period last year.

There were only two Niagara municipalities that experienced year-to-date increases in total housing starts — Niagara-on-the-Lake and Lincoln. Port Colborne is the only municipality to report increased year-to-date single detached construction activity with a total of eight starts versus seven in 2008. Single detached starts increased 69% for the month of August in Niagara Falls and were also up 25% in Welland and 17% Port Erie.

It is interesting to note that Niagara Falls, Welland and Port Erie all have immediate supply of new housing in lower price ranges than what is currently offered in our community. The new housing market challenges in Pelham are likely to continue until more affordable alternatives become available. Hopefully, the east Fonthill development area will expand the diversity of market opportunity that is lacking.

Who cares about a wild guess five days away? It's tomorrow morning that you might have to shovel the driveway to get to work. It's this that Arnie's going golfing.

When the bedside weatherman broke down, Arnie was doubly destroyed. He was a favourite Christmas present from Donna Jean a couple of years ago, and Arnie had become totally dependant on his soothing presence to wake up to in the morning.

No wonder Arnie's golf game went all to hell when the weatherman shut down in July. Arnie was a wreck. It's no

wonder that when the weatherman finally got fixed up as good as new at the end of August, the golf game got better again.

All of life got better.

The prodigal son had returned. No wonder that, in the biblical parable, the father welcomed the son back with such open arms.

The arms get awfully empty when the little man goes away. When he comes back, you don't care much about the details.

All the rest is unimportant.

All you care about is that he's come back.

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HEALTH EXPERT

JULIAN
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How is Your Memory?

Advanced Memory Support

Recently there's been a lot of excitement in the medical community about Alpha-GPC. It started in Italy where they've been conducting clinical trials for over ten years, but has just now become available in North America. A total of 22 studies involving more than 4,000 subjects have shown positive results in mental alertness, reasoning, information processing, and general mental performance — all with Alpha-GPC, an extremely bio-available form of choline.

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■ **OTTAWA:** Pelham's Conservative MP weighs in on election talk

Do Canadians want another election?

Recently, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff announced that he would be seeking to plunge Canada into the fourth election in five years during the midst of the worst global economic recession since the Great Depression.

Just nine short weeks ago Mr. Ignatieff publicly stated that Canadians do not want an election so I must question why he would want to call an election now, just as the Canadian economy is showing signs of recovery.

My personal opinions of Liberal economic management aside, I believe that the timing of this sudden Ignatieff-inspired election fever speaks for itself.

We've already seen the turn that the Canadian economy is beginning to show. Signs of recovery are



Dean Allison
MP'S VIEW

becoming visible and Canada seems to be the first country worldwide to begin its emergence from this recession.

But we shouldn't kid ourselves. The Canadian economy is still in a perilously vulnerable state.

The need for stability in government, and co-operation across party lines is now more important than ever.

Our government has been very clear on this issue.

Co-operation is the key to making minority Parliaments work, and we are more than willing to work with the opposition

parties to get our economy back up to speed.

But, even as our minister of finance was working hard to draft our budget this past spring, our government did not receive one single suggestion from the opposition.

Not one.

I have been privileged to work with our prime minister to counter this recession, and I'm pleased to see the hard work that we have been doing on Parliament Hill is beginning to pay off across the country.

However, while our government has been implementing measures to stabilize the economy, Mr. Ignatieff has not offered any alternative policies different from what our government is currently doing.

In fact, if the Liberals were to

"The need for stability in government, and co-operation across party lines is now more important than ever."

plunge Canadians into an unnecessary election this fall it would clear the Parliamentary docket of important stimulus spending and could scrap the majority of the measures that our government is seeking final Parliamentary approval for—such as the Home Renovation Tax Credit.

The opposition bitterly complained about \$300 million being

spent on an election in the third year of the last minority government. Now they don't even mention the staggering costs as they threaten to force an election in the first year of this government.

All of this when the Canadian economic recovery is still fragile and the rest of the world is still embroiled in an economic crisis.

My staff and I were knocking on doors in Glanbrook just recently to touch base with the community.

The one message that I kept hearing at my constituents' doors was uniform: "We do not want or need an election!"

It is my hope that Mr. Ignatieff also gets this message and works with our government to continue the programs in place that will see Canada emerge from the recession and prosper in the future.

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■ **SINGER'S CORNERS WI:** Latest meeting provides update on events, including regional exhibition

Club members learn about living with schizophrenia

PAMELA BRONN
For PelhamNEWS

When the Singer's Corners Women's Institute met in September guest speaker Bev Dudai spoke on her experience of living with schizophrenia.

This engaging young woman was diagnosed with the disease as a teenager and spoke with great candor of her life dealing with the ups and downs the disease presents.

Although people with schizophrenia have benefited from new anti-psychotic drugs, the side

effects can be severe. Weight gain is one, which can lead to diabetes, a serious disease on its own.

Dudai has found a fulfilling life through her involvement in a cottage studio on James St. in Hamilton. With other people with schizophrenia, she has learned ceramics and painting and spoke of an art show at a gallery which presented their works.

The studio has been sponsored by the Trillium Foundation, and when that runs out, she hopes another source of funding can be found.

Looking ahead, members took note of several upcoming events.

The Niagara Regional Exhibition started yesterday and runs until Sunday evening, where this branch will enter many exhibits using the resulting money to fund WI projects.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the branch will hold a flea market at Sobeyes in Fonthill from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baked goods will also be offered. Come and enjoy the fun.

The International Day Luncheon will be hosted by DeCew Falls WI on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at noon at Trinity United Church on Pine St. in Thorold.

Tickets are \$12. Contact treasurer Betty MacPherson before

Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The Hamilton Area Convention will be held at the CAV Hall in St. Catharines on Monday, Oct. 26.

Consultations were extended to Kimberly Gordon, recipient of the Singer's Corners WI scholarship at E.L. Crossley Secondary School.

She will be studying hotel and food administration.

The roll call was "name a medical advancement" with answers including extension of hours for the Singer's Corners WI scholarship at E.L. Crossley Secondary School.

A generous collection of grocer-

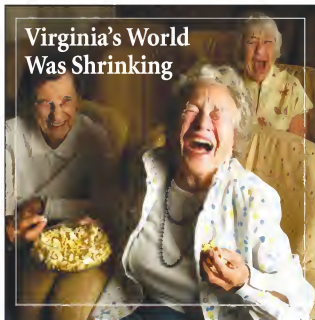
ies for Thorold Community Cares will be delivered there by Marlon Egertzer.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sophie Parosch on Korteimer Rd.

The program will be on the Tweedsmuir History.



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Bruce MacRitchie, owner of the Welland Aero Centre, at the Niagara Central Airport, stands beside one of his restored planes, a Fleet 21, the only remaining one of its kind.

WINGS AND WHEELS: Pelham airport abuzz with planes and automobiles

Perfect marriage of yesteryear's vehicles

MARK TAYTI
PelhamNEWS Staff

The wild blue wonder could not have looked any better than at Niagara Central Airport this past weekend. Great weather and plenty to see were the order of the day when the facility played host to Wings and Wheels.

With a little help from the Heritage Warplane Museum, Golden Horseshoe Jet Club, Dunnville Slowpokes Car Club, Dunnville Slowpokes Car Club and Pelham firefighters, the family day was a perfect marriage of cool cars and wicked airplanes.

Visitors to the free show at the airport also got an up-close look at Tim Kukovica's 2009 Sandrail dune buggy powered by a 880-pound-thrust French jet engine.

"People are in awe," the St. Catharines businessman said. "This is wheels and wings altogether. And just to watch the trail of smoke and fire shoot out of the back of the unique dune buggy was enough to

enchant any car buff with a thirst for power.

"Top speed: unknown," Kukovica said. "I took it to the Beamsville fair (Friday night) and took second place. They didn't know how to categorize it because it is a dune buggy with a jet engine in it."

He did a "run by" using one of the airstrips Saturday, but figures he would need three to five miles to get up to full speed.

"It's all thrust," he added. "I think it's wonderful to see the historical aircraft and the general aviation aircraft," said Sean Galway, of St. Catharines, who was at the show with the Golden Horseshoe Jet Model Club.

"A fair number of the club members are also full-size pilots."

Galway said a lot of people were stopping by to check out the miniature-sized F-15s and F-16s that were on display. All are capable of radio-controlled flight.

He said jet engines for the models can run \$2,000 to \$3,000.

"Like any hobby, it can certainly add up."

Paul Segui, of the Dunnville Slowpokes Car Club, said about 60 cars showed up at the airport on Saturday. He felt the turnout was good considering this was the first time the Slowpokes had attended.

He was impressed by the amount of activity both on the ground and in the air.

"It's a good marriage of cars and planes," he said. "This is a really good day out. The air cadets have been up in the glider several times today and the Lancaster has done a fly-over."

Segui was also happy with the quality of cars that decided to show.

"There is a lot of real nice stuff,"

Bruce Grainger, flew down from the Toronto area to attend the open house with friends.

"It's great," he said. "It's a nice show, people are friendly and the food is good - and there are lots of aviators."

Bruce MacRitchie, owner of Welland Aero Centre, was happy with the outcome.

"It went really well," he said. "We couldn't have asked for a nicer fall day. The weather is better than we expected and we had a real good mix of cars and planes. This is a promotion to get people out to the airport and to get them to understand what a valuable asset this is."

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Left: The public got an opportunity to look at some great aircraft at Niagara Central Airport on Saturday when Welland Aero Centre played host to Wings and Wheels. Many of the aircraft were on loan from the Heritage Warplane Museum. These aircraft are North American Trojans, the type used on aircraft carriers by the U.S. Navy. Right: Pilot Larry Lyusik flew in from Delhi on Saturday to attend Wings and Wheels. He was flying a North American T-28 owned by an aircraft enthusiast from Brantford. He was invited to the show by Bruce MacRitchie, owner of Welland Aero Centre.

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■ RECIPE

Green mango salad



Ruth Nixon
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Finding ripe mangoes can be a challenge, however for this recipe they are not necessary.

Through my travels to Thailand, I discovered that mangoes are more often eaten green (unripe) than they are ripe.

This is an excellent salad to showcase the green mango at its best.

Most of the ingredients can be found at your local grocery store, the exception being dried shrimp, which can be found at any Asian grocery store, my favourite being Dinh Dinh's on Geneva St in St. Catharines.

1/2 lb ground pork

3 tbsp fish sauce

1 tbsp brown sugar

1 tbsp ground dried shrimp

6 tbsp ground peanuts

1 tsp dried chili flakes

4-6 lime wedges for garnish

freshly chopped cilantro

Sprinkle mangoes with lime juice and hold in bowl. Meanwhile heat oil in wok or frying pan over high heat, fry garlic until golden, add the onions and fry until soft, stirring constantly to avoid charring.

Remove with slotted spoon and set aside on paper towel to absorb excess oil. Add minced pork to pan and stir fry until almost cooked. Stir in fish sauce, sugar, ground shrimp, peanuts and chili flakes.

Combine mango slices with onion, garlic, red pepper and bamboo shoots. Stir in the peanut and pork mixture and allow to chill for 30 minutes.

Garnish with freshly chopped cilantro and lime wedges!

Bon appetit.

/Yields 4-6 servings

4 green mangoes, peeled and sliced

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■ **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Controversial road rebuild won 3-2 vote at committee level

Close Haist St. decision goes to council for final vote Monday

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

By a 3-2 recorded vote Pelham town council's general committee approved a staff report making a couple changes to a design for an almost \$6-million reconstruction of Haist St.

The plan, which goes to a regular meeting of council for formal approval on Monday, will retain a sidewalk on the west side of the street.

Kelly Walsh, director of community and infrastructure services, presented a report to the committee essentially keeping most of the original design plan for the reconstruction.

As requested by town councillors at their July 29, it provided a detailed outline of reaction to comments for a possible "tweaking" of the design.

The recorded vote came following an objection to the report by

Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp and a lengthy statement in favour of it by Mayor Dave Augustyn.

Voting for receiving the report were Augustyn, Ward 1 Coun. Jim Lane and Ward 3 Coun. John Durley.

Voting against it were Papp and Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz. Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook and Ward 2 Coun. Dave Emmons were both absent from the meeting. They were out of town on vacation and family business.

A number of Haist St. residents who filled the gallery in a council chambers for the regular council meeting and following general committee meeting wanted the sidewalk on the west side of the street removed from the plan.

They are concerned about crowding of properties along the west side of the street and loss of trees and bushes.

Papp said he remained

opposed to the report and preferred dropping the sidewalk on the west side.

Augustyn reviewed the process of two public meetings and praised the detailed report from town staff in response to comments. He said the project was about more than sidewalks, it will improve water services, storm sewers and recast Haist St. to improve traffic control and safety.

The mayor said he was at A.K. Wigg school on Haist St. that afternoon for the end of the opening day of classes talking to parents and children.

"Children were coming up to me asking for a sidewalk on the west side of the street," he said.

Niagara Regional Police, he said, charged eight people for speeding in the school zone.

Urbanowicz said she voted against receiving the report because she would like to have

councillors Cook and Emmons in the debate since the street was in their ward.

Lane said this was "a great opportunity to make progress in the town" with "tree money" provided by federal and provincial infrastructure grants that will advance reconstruction of the street.

Durley similarly said the road will be a "positive addition to the town." Others who have objected to sidewalks in the past came to appreciate them. He said with the federal and provincial support the project will cost a lot less.

"Our staff has gone the extra mile" in dealing with comments, he said.

In his report, Walsh said, a proposed bike lane would change from a dedicated lane to a shared-use lane with a painted warning.

The west side sidewalk would move closer to the street in front of two homes and the east side in

front one home to leave more room in front of the homes and accommodate hydro poles.

At those points, the sidewalks would become "curb-faced", that is against the roadway.

In answer to a question from Lane he said it would not be possible to do what will the whole west side sidewalk because it would reduce pedestrian safety and become covered during snow plowing in winter.

The report also points out A.K. Wigg will receive a signaled pedestrian crosswalk while three other raised crosswalks at the arena, Berwood and Pancake Ln. will have signs.

Forty to 50 trees and various hedges and shrubs will be removed during construction but can be replaced by trees and plants compatible with roadside salt and drought.

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■ **YOUNG DONORS:** Brothers' lemonade stand funding new library



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo
David, 9, and Luke Del-Gobbo, 6, present Pelham Public Library director Stephanie Stowe with \$124 they raised at a lemonade stand set up in a neighbourhood off Merritt Rd. The boys made the donation for the new Maple Acre library that will replace the present library in Fenwick.

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■ CEREMONY: Fonthill legion to take part in observances Sunday

Battle of Britain to be remembered

MARK TAYTI
PelhamNEWS Staff

The Battle of Britain will be remembered by airmen across the region next Sunday.

That's when the 434 Niagara Peninsula Wing of the AFAC and the 484 Frontier Wing of the Air Force Association of Canada will assemble in *The Tribune's* parking lot to march down East Main St. at 1 p.m. to mark a turning point in the Second World War.

Don Feduck, president of 434 Wing, said this will be the third year the Battle of Britain parade is held in Welland.

"I'd like to see a big crowd this year. We usually have the families of the cadets come out to the parade, but it would be nice to see more of the public in attendance."

The parade is made up of air cadet squadrons from across Niagara as well as members of the Air Force Association of Canada.

Joining them will be members from the Royal Canadian Legion in Welland, Port Colborne and Fonthill.

Feduck said the parade is usually composed of about 100 marchers, who this year will make their way up

East Main St. and assemble at civic square for a flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremony. Military officers from Trenton Air Force Base and local dignitaries will be participating.

An inspection of the air cadets will also take place Sunday.

William Greenwood, president of 484 Frontier Wing, said 484 and 434 work closely together throughout the year to support the Air Cadets and local initiatives in the community.

"We get together on a regular basis and we hold a joint annual general meeting."

Flag bearers in the parade will be accompanied by the Thorold Pipe and Drum Band. There are plans to have three buglers play at the flag ceremony.

Greenwood said there were more than 100 Canadian airmen that flew in the Battle of Britain.

"It was a turning point in the war and was responsible for pushing back the Germans that were, at the time, regularly bombing England."

The Battle of Britain lasted from July 10 to Oct. 31, 1940.

Battle of Britain Day is Sept. 15.

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EDUCATION: Learning from growers

Field trip

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

Secondary school students within Niagara Catholic District School Board are learning first-hand where their food comes from.

Half a dozen students from Holy Cross and Lakeshore Catholic High School made their way to Hollo Maple Farms in Fenwick bright and early Monday to pick produce for a good cause.

In total, they picked more than 24 bushels of tomatoes in hopes of making 1,000 litres of sauce. Several bushels of eggplant also helped to fill the back of a truck bed filled with the results of a day of hard labour.

Instead of indulging in the finishing product after all their hard work in the fields, students will donate the sauce to local Harvest Kitchen and Out of the Cold programs.

Former Lakeshore teacher Marco Magazzeni, now the board's technological education consultant, spent the last school year thinking about a way to implement the initiative.

Over the summer, he approached Hollo Maple Farms owner Sam Ifody about partnering up to turn the project into a reality.

Magazzeni worked at the farm throughout his childhood and adolescence, and thought it would be a great starting point for the back-to-basics initiative.

Although this is the project's first year, Magazzeni has hopes it won't be the last and expects it to continue growing with time.

He's discussing with Ifody the possibility of expanding, providing students their own plot to harvest vegetables for the board's eight secondary school kitchens.

Getting students out into the fields helps them to understand the struggles faced by local farmers, Magazzeni said, and gives them a better appreciation for the work that's put into creating a successful growing season.

"I want them to think twice when they go into the grocery store," he said of the Niagara Catholic students.

Rather than purchasing produce imported from Mexico, there's a vendor around the corner with better quality products that are more natural," he added.

Magazzeni said the initiative is "filling two



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School student Joey Hingston helps tomatoes picked at Hollo Maple Farms in Fenwick to be used to make sauce for Harvest Kitchen and Out of the Cold programs.

needs" by both supporting local farmers and taking care of community members who have fallen on hard times.

"If we keep doing this it will all come full circle, beginning here in the fields and ending by helping those who are less fortunate."

"It's a direct link. It's all about building community. It's all tied together."

The simple initiative provides a number of benefits to students and the community by promoting healthy eating, buying local produce, community partnerships, and most importantly helping people in need, Magazzeni said.

The project is a joint partnership between the Catholic school board, Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre in St. Catharines and Hollo Maple Farms.

Hospitality and tourism teacher chef Mike Gratzinger, works out of Quality Hotel with students from several high schools across the board.

"Everyone wins," Gratzinger said, adding it's great for students to "see where everything comes from" before it hits the plate.

"Students appreciate the produce more when they see where it's grown," he said, adding he'd

like to see each of the high schools maintain their own garden.

Joey Hingston of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School said he was surprised at the large amount of land harvested for produce each year.

"It's good to talk to the farmers and see the challenges they face, how things are changing with time," said Rob Roscoe of Lakeshore Catholic after spending the morning harvesting vegetables.

Ryan Rumble, of Holy Cross, said it "feels good to get involved."

He admits he's gained a better appreciation for the origins of the food on his plate and the hard work that goes into producing it.

The bushels of tomatoes and eggplant were washed and prepped for canning and cooking.

Ifody, owner of the 81-year-old farm that has spanned five generations, said he was happy to help out Magazzeni and his students with the project.

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WINE

Prestigious nom for Jackson-Triggs

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Jackson-Triggs Vintners has another accolade to add to its growing list.

The winery, based in Niagara-on-the-Lake and B.C.'s Okanagan Valley, is one of five "new world wineries of the year" nominees for 2009 Wine Star Awards.

"We're very excited," said Del Rollo, Jackson-Triggs' national director of hospitality. "When you look at the (other wineries) you're with, it's great to be there. It also proves that Canada has a place on the world stage."

The awards are presented by the respected Wine Enthusiast Magazine, which is based in the U.S.

Jackson-Triggs is a finalist in its category with Bodega Catena Zapata of Argentina, d'Arenberg of Australia, Chile's VSPIT and Australia's Yalumba.

Other categories in the wines and spirits awards include person of the year, winemaker of the year and wine region of the year.

Del Rollo said Jackson-Triggs has won winery of the year 20 times in various international competitions.

"We'd love to add this to our list of awards," Rollo said. "It would also really be an award for Canada, as well. It would also show that we can (hold our own) amongst a fine group of wineries."

Winners are announced in Wine Enthusiast's Dec. 15 issue published in early November.

ON THE ROCKS: No one injured in post office mishap



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

A woman stopped to pick up her mail at the Pelham Post Office got back into her car and it jumped forward onto the sidewalk and up over rock landscaping in front of the post office in Pelham Town Square on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 10, the same night the Thursday Night Concerts series at the Forthill bandshell was wrapping up. The driver was not injured.



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■ **SOCCER:** Daley leads Panthers to victory

U18 champs

For PelhamNEWS

All year long, the Pelham Panthers U18 girl's soccer team have proven to have the best defence in the league.

And when the few times that defence has broken down, the reward for the opposing teams is keeper Kristen Daley. During the season, the team placed second in the league standings to St. Catharines Concord.

During the round robin, the team placed second to Fort Erie. The girls were determined that they would not be placing second to anyone including the St. Catharines Jets in the championship game.

The Panthers began the game nervously as the Jets team came prepared to battle for the league championship played on Sept. 3 at Centennial Lions Park in Fenwick.

The Jets started the game with an offensive flurry that led the team to two early scoring chances.

The second chance resulted in Daley bumping into the opposing player which the referee whistled as an infraction and a penalty shot was given to the Jets team. The Pelham team looked very unorganized in the first few minutes of the game and what is usually a sure goal had just been awarded to the Jets.

The Jets started down the Jets striker and dove low and left to make a brilliant save and spark the Panthers team.

The Panthers then settled down and started to play to their game plan, making plays and passes that allowed for several chances on the Jets net.

Striker Paige Garvey and midfielder Cassandra Vallee worked together to move the ball down the left side of the field. They also worked with mid Alison Stark to set up the cross plays to the waiting strikers Tory Craig and Carly Martino. Unfortunately, the last came up unhooky.

The Jets struck at the 33rd minute with a curving shot from the right striker that bent around the diving Panther keeper and found the inside of the goal post.

The Panthers team went back to centre looking determined to solve the Jets keeper.

With all the pressure in the Jets end, defender Kirsten McEwan stepped up as the Jets tried to clear the zone. McEwan made a well placed pass to the corner where midfielder Brianna Wheeler and Martino worked the ball to the corner, a cross attempt by Martino resulted in a corner kick.



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Front row from left to right: Andrea Hughes, Tory Craig, Brianna Wheeler, Kristen Daley, Kellie Shillington, Kirsten McEwan, Bronte Fudge. Back row: Cassandra Vallee, Carrie Sportel, Carly Marino, Kim McInnes, Alison Stark, Paige Garvey, Melanie Sawula, Coach Mike Harris. Absent are Robyn Jasinski and Martina Rasbok.

Vallee was recently given the duties of the corner kick from the right side of the field as her left footed kick will curve back into the centre of the field toward the net.

Vallee sent the kick a little too close to the net this time, however, this bending kick had some heat on it and the defenders' attempt to block the kick deflected the ball off the post and into the net with two minutes remaining in the half.

The Jets started with possession in the second half, but that didn't last long as the Panthers came off the bench with some extra hustle.

Craig, Garvey and Martino sprinted to put pressure on the midfielders and Stark, Vallee and Wheeler were close behind covering the Jets forwards.

At the 49th minute, the Panthers were rewarded for their hustle after defender Bronte Fudge pounced on an errant pass and placed the ball on Vallee's foot on the left line. Vallee moved the ball quickly to Garvey who played it back

to Stark in the centre of the field.

Stark placed a beautiful pass between the Jets defenders to the charging striker Carly Marino, who as the teams top scorer made a great finishing shot by the Jets keeper.

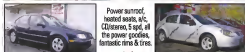
The forwards continued to pressure the Jets defence but it was now up to the stellar defence led by McEwan and Andrea Hughes to control the game and eliminate any scoring opportunities. Midfielder Carrie Sportel was called upon to bolster the defence and played very well in that position. Although the Jets usually play a possession game, the Panthers had a game plan.

Melanie Sawula came off the bench to play both forward and defence and Kellie Shillington supported the offence and are commended for their efforts.

The Panthers held strong for the remainder of the game allowing only long weak shots from way out and the game ended with a 2-1 score for the champion Pelham Panthers team.

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■ T-BALL: Future major leaguers?



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Pictured are the six T-ball teams of the Pelham Minor Baseball Association.

Minor baseball produces winners

Pelham Minor Baseball Association held its Championship Day on Aug. 30. There were excellent action-filled T-ball and

baseball games. The association thanked coaches, parents, players and sponsors, including Tom Horrons Timbits T-ball.

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Mosquito - 1st Andrew Pauls, 2nd Liam North, 3rd Sean Hooley

Peewee - 1st Austin Purbs, 2nd Zack Krueger, 3rd Ryan Guzowski

Bantam - 1st Greg Lipinski, 2nd Chris Kershaw, 3rd Mitchell DeCola

Midget - 1st Kelly Berg, 2nd Ben Thompson, 3rd Jamie Macdonald

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■ COFFEE BREAK: Event supports Alzheimer services

Benefit brewed up for today

PelhamNEWS Staff

When Town of Pelham staff slip coffee today they do it to help more than 7,700 people in Niagara affected by Alzheimer's diseases and related dementias.

The staff's Alzheimer's Coffee Break is one of more than 300 held across the region this week.

While the National Coffee Break Day was on Thursday, the town tied it into its casual Friday format.

Tom Hunter, vice-president of the Alzheimer's Society Niagara Region, outlined the day to town council last week. The society hopes to raise \$91,000 in the region and increase from \$75,000 last year. It supports services to those affected by the disease.

"Niagara is a retirement community and one of the largest senior populations in Canada," he told council. "There is a lack of available geriatric services in the region in comparison to other communities."

More people are coming forward early, however there are few programs that meet the needs of individuals in the early stages, he said.

"They are not impaired enough for existing programs geared to the later stages but are not comfortable attending activities offered at seniors' centres due to their memory problems," he said.

The society provides social and other opportu-

nities to meet with people familiar with their memory difficulties.

Statistically about 500,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's and related diseases. More than 71,000 are under age 65 and 50,000 under 60. Women make up about 72% of those facing the problem.

With an aging population, Hunter pointed out the numbers will increase.

Mayor Dave Augustyn, who once worked with the society, said they are already increasing.

About 6,000 had it when he was there, so it's said to see it increase to 7,700 in the region, he said.

Hunter said the Niagara society was a leader in developing Coffee Break Day, its signature event. It picked up the concept from a conference in Scotland where they had tea break days.

Coffee break was more suitable for Niagara.

"This vision has evolved into a national fundraiser for Alzheimer Societies across Canada that has raised millions of dollars."

For the 14th annual Coffee Break campaign more than 10,000 coffee breaks were expected to take place across Canada Thursday.

"You can even do a virtual coffee break and simply e-mail your friends, co-workers and family to donate online," he said.

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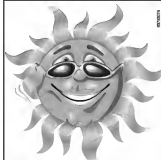
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Town and Country Farms owner Joe Hozjan says he's never seen a harvest as bountiful as this one has been.

■ **BUMPER CROP:** Hozjan's orchards doing exceptionally well this year

Just peachy

ALLAN BENNER
PelhamNEWS Staff

It might have been a dismal summer for people hoping to spend it at the beach. But all that rainfall over the past few months means a pleasant fall for lovers of fresh fruit.

In 16 years of running Town and Country Farms, Joe Hozjan and his wife Theresa have never seen a harvest as bountiful, or fruit as large and juicy as the peaches, pears, apples and plums they've plucked from their orchards over the past few weeks.

"It's a little bit too much," said Hozjan, after arriving at his 361 Canboro Rd. fruit stand with another truckload of fresh fruit. "Peaches. There are so many peaches. I've never seen so many. Apples are good, pears are good."

Hozjan said the limbs of his fruit trees were "just hanging down to the ground," straining under the weight of the fruit they produced.

He said he and Theresa have been working 16-hour days to harvest it all, and he's also had to hire additional staff.

Even on Sunday, he said a team of six people were out in his orchard harvesting fruit.

But after harvesting so much fruit this season, he said he's considering cutting back on the number of trees in his orchard at the start of next year's growing season.

He fears some of the fruit could go to waste before it can all be harvested.

"We cannot save everything, but we try to do our best," he said.

The bountiful harvest has also meant some good deals at his fruit stand, he added —

although he didn't want to tip off his competition by providing prices.

In addition to the fruit stand and farm on Canboro Rd., Hozjan also owns a 10-hectare orchard on Regional Rd. 20.

Despite the size of this season's harvest, Hozjan said not every farmer has done as well this year.

"For us the rain is good because we have a sandy soil," he said, adding excess rainwater easily drains from his farm. Farmers with a clay-based soil, which retains the water, didn't fare as well.

Other tender fruits he grows, such as strawberries, blueberries and raspberries, have also produced huge crops this year. He said the only crop he planted that didn't as well this year was his tomatoes.

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